

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 246

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to commend Tricia N. “Niki” Collis for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Tricia N. “Niki” Collis is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative Joe Pitts, Representative David Shepard, and Representative Charles Curtiss. Niki's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Gulf Breeze High School in Florida, Niki Collis is currently pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in social work at Austin Peay University; and

WHEREAS, with her extensive background in the insurance industry, Niki brings a unique perspective to the field of social work and hopes that her professional and personal experiences will specifically aid her in her advocacy of special needs children in the education system; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of a retired Master Sergeant of the United States Army, Niki has always appreciated the value of public service; and

WHEREAS, she has continued that tradition of service as the loving and supportive wife of her husband, Chief Warrant Officer Three Christopher Collis, who has served two one-year deployments in Iraq and one one-year deployment in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, the happy couple have three children, Madison, Brenden, and Katelynn, who are a great source of pride and joy to their parents; and

WHEREAS, while serving as an intern at Capitol Hill, Mrs. Collis has proven herself to be organized, eager, and industrious; and

WHEREAS, among her many admirable qualities, such as her endearing catchphrase “Good Googly!”, Mrs. Collis exhibits the greatest humility and is often starstruck by local politicians, commissioners, college presidents, and other leaders; and

WHEREAS, known around the office as the “fastest intern in the South”, Niki has greatly impressed Representative Joe Pitts, Representative David Shepard, Representative Charles Curtiss, Rena Clark, Pamela McCary, and Margie Heaney with her willingness to help and her respectful responses when she answers or asks a question; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pitts offers glowing praise, saying, “Niki has established a new and higher standard for all current and future students and interns. Her compassion and attention to detail are assets that will serve her well in any chosen endeavor. She has left an indelible mark on the 107th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee with her professional acumen and intellect”; and

WHEREAS, Rena Clark, administrative assistant to Representative Joe Pitts, testifies, “She is the best intern I have had the pleasure to work with. I certainly hope she can remain in the Tennessee General Assembly in some capacity because she would definitely be an asset to someone in the General Assembly”; and

WHEREAS, with her willingness to work and her bubbly, happy attitude, we will all be working for her one day soon; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Mrs. Collis brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, she has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Niki Collis has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Tricia N. “Niki” Collis for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative

Joe Pitts, Representative David Shepard, and Representative Charles Curtiss and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.